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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Federal Employees' Compensation Cases

1. [redacted], Chief, Benefits and Counseling Branch, Office of Personnel, briefed [redacted] and the undersigned concerning their discussions and negotiations with the Bureau of Employees' Compensation concerning compliance with the provisions of Section 209 Public Law 86-767 which required each agency to reimburse the Bureau of Employees' Compensation for all new injuries, illnesses, or deaths involving the different agencies' employees occurring after 1 December 1960.

2. He outlined to Mr. Tinsley, Acting Deputy Director, Bureau of Employees' Compensation, the problems incidental to the application of the new law and related facts which ultimately resulted in the approval by the Director on 20 March 1961 of the recommendation that the Agency avail itself of Section 6 Public Law 110 which exempts the Agency "from the provisions of any law requiring the publication or disclosure of ... names, official titles, salaries ... of personnel employed by the Agency." This determination was transmitted in a letter to Mr. Tinsley from the Office of Personnel on 10 April 1961. This letter was hand carried to the Bureau, and Mr. Tinsley stated that the letter was entirely acceptable to them and, in fact, would simplify their problem greatly.

3. [redacted] was asked to determine whether it would be possible to accumulate information concerning the cost being paid by the Bureau of Employees' Compensation on behalf of the Agency resulting from claims developed on or after 1 December 1960. He was told that although this information was not essential and, therefore, a great deal of work should not be made to obtain it for the use of the Budget Division, if it could be obtained with relatively little additional work, it might be advisable to have it for furnishing to our cleared contacts in the Bureau should question concerning this matter develop. [redacted] stated that he thought from their point of view, information along these lines would be advisable in order that the Agency would get some of the benefits originally intended by the legislation, namely to make the Agency aware of the costs of lost time accidents and injuries, and to improve the safety records of the Agency. He informed us that he would check into the matter and would inform us later if it would be practical to comply with our request.

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